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crime committed by concealed permit holders. In fact, in the state of Texas we have seen an increase of about 22 percent among concealed handgun licenseholders, 22 percent higher or 22 percent more crime committed by the holders of concealed handgun licenses than the population of Texas at large. Now these arrests consist of, I have to tell you it's in select Texas legislative districts because the statistics that we got were compiled from the districts of those senators in the state of Texas who were the sponsors of the concealed handgun law. But I will kind of read off to you some of the crimes that we have seen committed in the state of Texas by folks who were judged to be okay to conceal a handgun. In one district, we have seen capital murder, two sexual assaults, sexual assault on a child, assault causing bodily injury and involving family violence, aggravated assault with deadly weapon injury to a child. We've seen weapons related offenses such as unlawfully carrying a weapon, failure to refuse to display a handgun license when asked to by a police officer, deadly conduct or discharge of a firearm. We've seen theft, we've seen fraud, we've seen drug related offenses. And something that is near and dear to my heart, arrests of folks who are carrying a concealed weapon while they were driving while intoxicated. I think that combination is very interesting, a drunk driver armed. We've also seen arrests with regard to somebody carrying a concealed weapon who was impersonating a police officer, somebody who had a concealed weapon that was selling alcoholic beverages to a minor, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. What I also want to share with you as we go along is some of the incidents that have happened with regard to folks who are carrying a concealed weapon. For example, May 19, 1997, concealed handgun licenseholder Daniel Meehan of Pinehurst, Texas, was arrested for the alleged shooting death of a woman who had been living with him. According to reports, Selma Pieruccini was found dead in her home from a 9mm gunshot wound in the back. At the time of her death, she was separated from her husband who was caring for their four children in Pennsylvania. The Beaumont Enterprise reports that Meehan was charged with murder and remains in custody in the Orange County Jail without bail. This is a fellow that was judged okay to have a concealed handgun license.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.